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SUBJECT: TRANSLINEAR

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1. CROOKS CONTACT WITH CONGRESSMAN PICKLE MAY REFLECT TRANSLINEAR PRESIDENT CARDEN'S DISAPPOINTMENT AT INABILITY TO MAKE PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROPOSAL OR TO VISIT TORTUGA ISLAND FOR PURPOSES OF INSPECTION EQUIPMENT THERE DURING HIS MARCH 12-19 VISIT TO PORT-AU-PRINCE. HOWEVER, CARDEN'S VISIT COINCIDED WITH A POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING POSTAGE STAMP SCANDAL AND CONSEQUENT APPOINTMENT OF NEW MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND GOH WAS ILL-PREPARED TO FOCUS ON TORTUGA CONCESSION.

2. HOWEVER, CARDEN DID MEET WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE BAYARD, WHO PROMISED HE WOULD BRING UP TRANSLINEAR'S PROPOSAL WITH PRESIDENT. CARDEN HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE WILL RETURN TO HAITI APRIL 2 FOR ANOTHER MEETING WITH BAYARD AND IS HOPEFUL THAT GOH WILL BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE AT THAT TIME.

3. DURING MEETINGS WITH NEW COMMERCE SECRETARY MURAT MARCH 13 AND 25, AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF MOVING AHEAD WITH TRANSLINEAR NEGOTIATIONS AS PART OF RENEWED GENERAL EFFORT TO RESOLVE A NUMBER OF PENDING INVESTMENT ISSUES. WITHOUT COMMENTING ON MERITS OF TRANSLINEAR PROPOSALS, MURAT APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THIS OBJECTIVE.

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